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# NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS



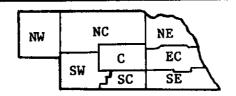
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# WEATHER

Temperatures were very cold averaging near 5 degrees below normal east to 18 degrees below normal west. Snow was common across the State with precipitation amounts generally less than a tenth of an inch.

## GENERAL

Snow and cold temperatures ended fieldwork except for some isolated instances of fertilizer applications. Farmers and ranchers are moving feed supplies, doing daily chores, buying and marketing livestock, and preparing year-end records. Other activities include attending sales, meetings, repairing machinery, and preparing 1979 plans.

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### CROPS

The condition of winter wheat is below a year ago with most of the acreage in fair condition. A year ago, most wheat was rated in good condition. Snow cover is generally heaviest across the northern part of the State. Wind erosion has not been a problem so far.

## LIVESTOCK

Supplemental feeding of livestock has been heavier than usual because of the cold temperatures and snow. Over 40% of the corn and sorghum stalk fields were being pastured last week but were providing limited feed because of snow cover. About two-thirds of the counties reported above average supplies of feed grains and over 90% reported average or above supplies of hay and roughage. Some early calving has started.

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 $\underline{1}/$  Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1978 .03 0 05 1 7 .10 0 1 0 .03 0 05 .06 0 0 .04 0 0 .07 .06 .02 0 0 T .02

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1978

			Precipitation				
	Station	Extr	emes	Mean	Donostuno	Total Inches 1/	
		Max	Min	nean	Departure		
NW	Chadron	28	-28	5			
	Scottsbluff	33	-16	8	-17	.20	
	Sidney	42	<del>-</del> 12	13			
NC	Burwell						
	Valentine	32	-24	4	-18	.02	
NE	Norfolk	34	0	13	-8	T	
	Sioux City	33	<b>-</b> 2	11	<b>-</b> 9	.02	
CEN	Grand Island	37	2	15	<b>-</b> 9	T	
EC	Lincoln	42	4	19	<b>-</b> 5	.09	
	Omaha	37	3	18	-4	.12	
SW	Imperial	42	-10	16		.02	
	North Platte	31	-14	8	-16	.01	

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{1}$ / Precipitation totals not included in map above.

